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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Competition is essential in a functional market that offers the consumer choices. As a consumer and small business owner, I am in support of local competition. For many years, I have been a loyal customer to a small, local provider for DSL and phone services, and their products have been superior to the ones offered by the Big 2.

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